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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Estell

SERIAL NO.: 09/452,845

FILED: January 13, 2000

FOR: PROTEASES FROM GRAM-POSITIVE
ORGANISMS

EXAMINER: Hutson, R.

ART UNIT: 1652

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Director for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following extension of time is requested to respond to the Notice to Comply dated September 12, 2000.

one month to _____ ; the
extension fee is \$110.00.

two months to _____ ; the
extension fee is \$390.00.

three months to January 12, 2000 ; the extension fee
is \$890.00.

four months to _____ ; the
extension fee is \$1,390.00.

five months to _____ ; the
extension fee is \$1,890.00.

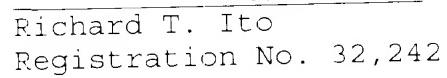
The extended time for response does not exceed the
statutory period.

[] The shortened statutory period has been reset by an
Advisory Action dated _____

[X] Charge \$890.00 to Depcsit Account No. 07-1048.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1048 (Docket No. GC381). A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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Date: January 12, 2001

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